Journal

April 5th 1865
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Rose early this morning & took the train for Orrville & thence for Pittsburgh to collect some unpaid subscriptions to Home Missions. Reached Pittsburgh early in the evening & lectured for bro. Hill in the Luth. Church. Lodge with my dear friend & bro. J. H. Snyday.
Thurs. April 6th At Pittsburgh
Frid. 7th Finished collecting at Pittsburgh - wrote to S. Stover Canton enclosing a draft for $50 - also wrote to my wife & Rev. Brelin,

& at 1.30 took cars for Baltimore &c.

Sat. April 8th Reached Baltimore early this morning — After consultation with some of the Com. have concluded to go on to Washington City. Handed over money to the treasurer, &c. — Have made arrangements for a committee meeting on Tues. next — Have finished today reading the volume by Hon. J. Giddings entitled "The Exiles of Florida". In the light of the awful disclosures made there the justice of the fearful calamities now falling upon the supporters of the Slave power of the South become apparent. The perfidy the injustice & cruelty practiced by Slavocrats & even, through them, by the U.S. Government are almost beyond belief. Came to Washington this evening. Lodge with Mr. Butler.

Sund. 9th Morning addressed

the Lutheran S. S.— on the Subject of Ap. Miss. & got a contribution of $25. Afternoon went with bro. Butler to Lincoln Hospital & preached there also engaged in other labors among the patients. Night preached in Luther Church in Wash.

Mond 10th This morning the great guns in the forts about the city commenced about daylight to fire in honor of the Surrender of Gen. Lee to Lieut. Gen. Grant on yesterday & all the day the city has been jubilant over the great event.

Bro. Butler & I went to Alexandria & spent most of the afternoon there in attempts to learn the prospect of founding a Lutheran Ch. Found a few Lutheran people there, but most of them are there only temporarily—being

in the employ of the War Department. Returned this evening to Washington.

Tues. April 11th Came up from Washington to Baltimore this morning & have spent the day in consultation with Dr. Morris & bro. Bishop. Wrote to Rev. A. H. Myers.

Wed. 12th At Baltimore – Examining papers & record books of the Home Miss. Soc. Evening wrote to my wife & to Dr. Ziegler.

Baltimore April 13th Wrote to Rev. L. A. Gotwald. – Evening came down to Washington City, expecting to preach for brother Butler, but the demonstrations everywhere to be made on account of our recent victories prevented our holding services. Went out through the city to see the illuminations. These by far surpassed all that I had ever seen. In most parts of the City one could have read

ordinary print with ease.

Frid. 14 Forenoon - being Good Friday I preached for bro. Butter - Afternoon went to Alexandria to prospect some for missions. Returned in the evening -

Sat. 15th Last night heard much noise on the streets, but did not learn the cause of it till morning when on rising I learned the sad fact that President Lincoln was assassinated last night at 11 Oclock at Fords Theater only some three squares from where I lodged. Today all business is suspended & all public places & most private houses are draped in mourning. The whole populous seems dejected & sad.

Sund. 16th Morning - Attempted to go to Alexandria to fill my appointment there, but all travel being suspended into & out of Washington on account the efforts now

made to discover the assassin of Pres. Lincoln, I was unable to go. Returned to Bro. Butlers & briefly addressed the S.S. — also attended services there, heard bro. Butler preach & assisted him in administering the Communion. Afternoon, went with bro. Butler to Lincoln Hospital & spoke briefly to the Soldiers in the Chapel. At night preached in St Pauls Church Wash. City.

Monday April 17 Came to Balt more called on some of the Lutheran Ministers & people — at night attended Sund. School anniversary of Monument St. Luth. Ch.

Tues. 18th — This morning I start homeward — though not direct — & I do so with a heavy heart because I have now spent some ten days hereabouts to but little purpose — not having accomplished the object of

my mission. May the Lord direct me in future so that my life may not be in vain!

Came as far as Hanover on my way to Gettysburg & here missing the Cars from delay at the junction—have determined to remain till tomorrow evening.

Wed. 19th At Hanover—Made a brief address to a very large audience in the German Reformed Ch. on the occasion of the funeral of Pres. Lincoln. Now am about to start to Gettysburg. Have received here at Hanover for Home Missions $91.68.—

Thurs. 20th At Gettysburg—Sent by Dr. Morris $92.68 of Home Mission Funds to the Treasurer.

Frid. 21st Came to Lancaster—Called on a few friends here.

Sat. 22nd Rose at 3 Oclock & took

the early train for Philadelphia -
Called on Rev. Hutter to see
about making an effort am-
ong his people for Home Miss-
ions - arranged to preach for
him tomorrow morning & after
preaching to mention the
claims of our cause to the
Sunday preached forenoon for Rev. Hutter &
people, Afternoon went to
Germantown & addressed the
Sunday School of the Church
served by Rev. Albert. Evening
heard Rev. Krotel preach.
Monday April 24th Came to
Pittsburgh - (Bro. Hutter thinking
that I could not at this time
operate among his people &
agreeing to arrange for me to
do it.) At Pittsburgh got
Mr. C. Robbins subscription of
$100, & then came on to
Canton O. where I stay to-
night with bro. Stelling.
Tues. 25th Took the early train
westward for Orrville & now

am delayed here 4 hours for the train to Fredericksburg. While waiting here before finished reading Titcomb's Letters to the Joneses. A volume of some pith & excellence.

Reached Fredericksburg this evening — found all well as usual — numerous letters — Wrote to Revs. Mc Reynolds & Kunkleman.

Wed. 26th At Fredericksburg. Wrote to Revs. A. H. Myers, R. F. Sels, Chas. A. Stork, & M. Frey.

Thurs. 27th

At Fredericksburg — Wrote to Dr. Morris & to Mr. Seisenring — remitting $100.— in due bill.

Frid. 28th This afternoon came up to this place — Clinton O. — to ascertain the prospect of forming a pastoral charge composed of three or four little towns on & near this R. R. Lodge tonight with Ex. Oberlin.

Sat. 29th Came to Bristol where we have a small Church which I

think of taking into the charge. Made arrangements for preaching here tomorrow forenoon. Called on some of the members. Lodge with bro. John Rumbaugh.

Sund. April 30th

Morning addressed the S.S. at Bristol & preached there at 10 A.M. to a good congregation though the appointment was made only on Sat. evening. After preaching pres ented to the members present the proposal to form a charge which met a most hearty approval. Rode with bro. Wall to Clinton P.M. & preached again at 2 to a good attendance & attention. Evening attended a Bible Society Meeting & made a brief address.

Mond. May 1st 1865.

This morning visited Akron O. & found a few more Lutheran people lately come in from Pa. Some of them quite anxious to have a Church

here - after a few hours visiting came back to Clinton & procuring a convey and visited Fulton & called on some members, whom I found also desirous to have regular preaching - as they have not had for some time - Returned to Clinton & heard bro. Hetling preach a discourse on the death of President Lincoln.

Tues. May. 2nd Came to Fredericksburgh.

Wed. 3rd Wrote to Revs. V. Miller Thos. Drake & W. Fryday & to Wm Martin Buehler, Mr. John Rupenbaugh, & to the Sunday School of the Bath Ch. at New Wilmington Pa. - Tonight, wrote to Revs. Kistler & Rice in Africa. Had this afternoon & tonight the pleasure of a visit from bro. Weigend

Thurs. 4th Rose early this morning & Started at 5 Oclock for Springfd. Bro. Weigend going with me to Orrville At Orrville wrote to Sr. Pohlman

Came on to Bellefontaine & here failing to make connection I remain till morning. Had long interview with bro. Girdlier about church matters in bounds of Wittenberg Synod. Lectured for bro. Girdlier tonight.

Frid. 5 Took the 4th train this morning for Springfield. Had an interview with the present Theological Class about the fields of labor into which they desire to enter at the close of the Session. Also met here bro. Ehrenfeld & had a talk about the same matter as he has just resigned.

Sat. 6. Came to Dayton expecting here to spend Sunday & to make an effort in behalf of our Home Mission Cause. Wrote to Rev. Kirtland.

Sund 7th Forenoon preached in Eng. Luth. Ch. Dayton - & at close made brief statements about Home Miss. Afternoon made a brief address at

Sunday School meeting in Wesley Chapel & Night preached again at Luth Ch.

Mond 8th This morning after some consultation with members of the Council we concluded as it would interfere with other purposes just now it would not be best to make a regular effort for Home Missions. The brethren therefore proposed to pay me $200. out of their commission fund for my present services if I would delay the effort. To this I agreed. I now start for St Louis Mo. via Cincinnati —

Reached Cincinnati in the evening & at 8 Oclock took train on the Ohio & Miss. R. R.

Tues 9th — Reached Odin Ill. today about 11 A. M. — Left the O. & M. Road & ~~[illegible]~~ ran down on the Ill. Central to Centralia — where I remained during the after

noon visited among the stores & shops in search of persons of the Lutheran faith & soon found there a German Church of the Evangelical Union called on the pastor Rev. R. Johns & found him a very intelligent & agreeable man. Learned from him that he belongs to the "Synod of the West" which now embraces about 125 ministers - all or nearly all Germans.

Found no English Lutherans at Centralia.

Evening came back to Odin - Made inquiry at various places in the village for Lutherans - Found one German who had renounced the faith - He declared that his parents had done wrong in having him baptized - that it was not valid but that if ever he were rebaptized he could

be baptized "with or in
beer"! Lodge tonight at
the Odin Hotel. How
much we as a church have
lost by delay in occupying
the ground! Centralia ten
years ago - had only one house
& now has 2500 inhabit
ants & is still growing rap=
idly. If we had been there
early we could easily have
had a church.

Wed. 10th Took cars for St
Louis early - a slow train -
no fire - Cold & very rainy
day. Reached this city at
noon; & immediately went
to Mr. John Shultz's place
of business, & finding him
was cordially received.

Though very rainy & the
City was exceedingly muddy
we went several places ~~the~~
during the afternoon in
search of some of our people

Found some, whose names I had but ascertained that they had united with other churches & would not likely on any account return to our Church. Evening rainy.

Thurs. 11th Wrote home. Called on Rev. Krebs - & also called at the house & at the Study of Dr. Anderson of the Old School Pres. Ch. but did not see him. ~~Dr. Krebs~~ Dr. Hugo Krebs is a German of the Rationalistic School - Calls himself a Lutheran or Evangelical Union ist but belongs to no Synod. His congregation embraces 600. members & has much wealth. The Church is located at the cor. of 8th & Walnut. Called on many persons - some of whose names I had brought with me, but found only one - & that ones name I had before. Returned to bro. Schatz

home tired & much dis heartened — bro. Shultz was with me most of the day.

Wed. 12th Spent most of the day in prospecting about the city — but met with no special encouragement. Wrote to Sr. Brown & to Chas. L. Ehrenfeld.

Sat 13th Not being able to make any arrangements for preaching at St Louis on Sunday & having offer from Hon Chas. H. Howland to provide me a ~~free~~ pass over the Pacific R. R. to its present terminus at Warrensburg I accepted the proffer & this evening at 8 Oclock took the Cars for the west. Reaching this place, Sedalia, about sun-down I determined to remain till Munday & have now put up at the Rav-

ker House. This place Sedal-
ia is the County Seat of
Pettis Co.— is located in a
large & beautiful prairie
& on undulating ground.
The town is small & not
well built; but is a place
of a large amount of business,
with the people of the sur-
rounding country. The little
white frame cottages are
very neat & clean & altogeth
-r the town is a charm
ing little place.
The country through which
I came today is extremely
fertile & beautiful wherever
we departed from the bank
of the Missouri River enough
to clear the bluffs along the
Stream.
This evening I went out
to learn something about
religious Services here tomor-
row. I find that there is

no Church building here - but there are two in process of erection - a Cumberland Presbyterian & a Campbellite. I also hear that some Stranger is to preach here tomorrow forenoon in the School house.
I feel a little lonely here tonight as I am acquainted with no man here. I have met two or three natives of Ohio, but none that I ever knew.
Sund. 14th This morning after breakfast I took a walk out over the Prairie South of town. The country being undulating, the farm houses could be seen for many miles around. The air was balmy & the atmosphere exceedingly clear, & the scene was one of great quiet beauty. But some way the absence of streams of water causes a feeling of discomfort

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Called on a Rev. Hilton of Syracuse N. Y. who is now visiting here & who I heard was to preach here this morning. Found him a pleasant man. — Went to Sunday School at 9 Oclock — The chief exercises were singing & the book used was Bradbury's Golden Chain. This & its companions seem destined to encircle the world in their chain of song. The singing of the piece beginning: "Far out upon the Prairie" was particularly impressive. abt 11 Oclock heard the Methodist "Circuit Rider" preach & after services he received into his church a member from the "Meth E. Ch. South" which having become disorganized did not furnish the member with a certificate. The preacher also announced the "Good news"

that Jefferson Davis & his body guard had been captured at Irwinville Ga on the 10th inst.

Afternoon heard Mr. Wilton preach a very excellent discourse from the text "He treadeth the winepress alone". This an unusually good sermon. Full of thought well matured & beautifully expressed.

Night I preached to as many people as could get into the little building. The people were very attentive.

Mond. 15th This morning took a long walk southwestward of the town over the prairie & returning pass through to large farms. The country is delightful.

Returning from the walk I commenced visiting among the people with a view to find out what Lutherans there might be here. Found more

than I expected. I have now
on my list of persons who
have elsewhere been members
of the Lutheran Church, about
30 names. Most of them
are native Germans, but the
men generally speak English
pretty well. I cannot tell
however whether after all
we can organize as there
is some diversities of opin-
ion to be overcome, & also a
tendency too great laxity &
latitude in doctrine & prac
tice. I shall however deem-
ing this matter pretty much
in a day or two — on my
return from Warrensburg to
which place I go this even-
ing.—

Warrensburg County Seat
Johnson Co. Came up here
this evening — Lodging at Hotel.

Tues. 16th Having had an in-
vitation last evening from one

of the contractors on the R.R
to go up along the line on
the Construction train some 12
miles, I rose early this morn-
ing & though it rained heavi-
ly went up to the end of
the track near the village of
Holden. The country is the
richest & most beautiful that
I have ever beheld. The prair-
ies are undulating & the soil
richer than that about Se-
dalia. I also saw coal on
the way up, only a little
way out of Warrensburg. But
in the upper part of the
portion through which we
past there are very few
inhabitants, they having remov=
ed on account of the Guerillas.
I noticed too that the Union
men there leave & those in
sympathy with the South rem-
ain. This discouraging. I hoped
it would be otherwise & that

could heartily recommend to our people to remove to that region. Came back to Warrensburg about 2 Oclock.

Went out into the town in search of Lutherans. Soon found a German family who were Lutherans & who knew of some others. Before night I found out eight families of Lutherans — all Native Germans but all able to speak a little English — & some of them very well. But nearly all of them are very indifferent on the whole subject — Some of them I fear have been really interested. Not one of them asked me to lodge with them or even to take supper. But this is not at all strange when I remember that they are all total strangers to me & that they are naturally suspicious of Americans. However some

of them—two or three—became more interested before I left. At sundown came back to the hotel, & am now in my own room weary & sad. It is awful to contemplate the condition of the mass of the German population of this great State. O Lord direct me in this important & responsible work!

Wed [illegible] This morning came down from Warrensburg to Sedalia, & as I was desirous to know something of the Germans here, I stopped for breakfast at a hotel kept by one of them & visited by many of them. I took dinner & supper also there & had time enough to make observation; & truly I saw & heard enough! Even the women & children swear the most revolting oaths. Nearly all

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the men drink to excess, & almost constantly through the day the every table was encircled by a band of profane & drunken gamblers! And yet these people call themselves Lutherans! My heart sank within me while in that horrid sink of vice & iniquity.

Tonight by appointment I met about 10 of the principal men & the better ones of those whom I had visited to consult about the organization of a church on the basis of the General Synod. I explained to them pretty fully our doctrinal position our polity & rules of Christian morality & all present so far as I know were satisfied & desired me to remain; but as I could not do this I promised, if

I could to return after a while. To-night I lodge with Mr. Kleiner.

Thurs. 18th This morning left Sedalia for St. Louis & reached the latter at 8 O'clock in the evening. Too late to get into the P. Office. Lodge again at Mr. Shultzes.

Frid 19th Went to the P. O. this morning feeling fully assured that I should have a letter from my dear wife; but to my bitter disappointment none had come. Called on Prof. Walther of the Concordia Theological Seminary a little below the city & had an hours talk with him about the Lutheran Church in this State. He impressed as a pious & gentlemanly man; & felt that I could call him brother. But

owing, as I think, to our differences in doctrine, he did not manifest any interest in our work. Called on some others, but ascertained nothing of importance in regard to my work here. Wrote briefly to Dr. Morris inclosed Bill in Account to Mr. Leisenring.

Sat. 20th Still in St. Louis — visited Rev. Wall of the German Evangelical Church & found him a very agreeable & apparently excellent man. But I think he would not regard our effort with any particular favor.

Also called on Rev. Post pastor of the Congregational ist Church & received more encouragement from him than from any other whom I have met. He went with me to a gentleman who

teaches on a large mission S. School in South (German) part of the city. I arranged to visit the School tomorrow afternoon. This evening commenced an articles a letter for the Observer.

Sund. 21st At St. Louis – The Baptist national annual association being in session here – the the members thereof occupied most of the pulpits in the city – I attended services in one of the Baptist Churches in the forenoon. Afternoon attended Sunday School at the South St Louis Mission, which is a mission in the South part of the city (Called French town) sustained by an Association of teachers. The Association has leased a lot of ground & on it has erected a large build-

ing capable of containing about 17 hundred children & have furnished it with comfortable seats - with desk Melodeon & Piano & hold Sunday School there every Sunday afternoon at 2½ O. Today the attendance was large - perhaps 11.00 children - & the exercises were as orderly as could be expected of children of this class. There has been a gentleman preaching there each Sunday forenoon in the German language, but he I understand intends to cease or remove to some other building, & I have thought that if he does so we might rent the place each Sunday forenoon for services by our intended mission. I find however that the principal man in the Association is absent.

from the City & therefore I shall have to delay the whole matter till he returns— Meantime, as I must go to Iowa & Ill. at any rate for a little time, I think I shall go there first & then return here.

Mond. May 22.

This morning rose early— finished a Report to the Committee & then took the Cars for Macon City— Reached Macon City before sundown— Came over to Chillicothe at which place I had learned that there are a large number of Ohio settlers— & therefore likely to be some of our people. Reached this place late at night

Tues. 23rd This morning I concluded to spend a day or two for my brother

er-in-law, Geo. C. Griffin who during my long periods of absence from my family has done much for them. He having a piece of land in Grundy Co. on which he was not able to pay the taxes & which he having never seen desired me to examine as to whether it would make him a home. I therefore took Stage (an open wagon) & came ~~to Trenton~~ to Trenton the County Seat by noon — made examination of County Records & I then getting a horse from Wm. N. F. Doane rode out to the house of Mr. Benj. B. Cornwell & got him to go with me to see the land — came back to Mr. C's & there lodged.

Wed. 24th Rode in to Trenton this morning & at [illegible] Oclock

took the hack for Chilico-
the Reached this place at
a little before ~~[illegible]~~ dawn.
Made inquiry for Luther-
an people but found none
except one Capt Lisco-
who however does not live
here. I have decided to go
back eastward in the morn-
ing as I am Satisfied
that we have not now
any members here.

Thurs. 25. This morning took
train for Quincy - intending to
go by boat to Keokuk & thence
by R. R. to Pella Iowa, but
at Quincy no boat came.
& I therefore took the R. R. via
Keokuk junction - where I now
am detained till tomorrow
morning - This evening wrote
to My Wife & little children to
G. C. Griffin & Geo. P. Ockershausen
O! how weary I am of this
ceaseless travel!

Sat.
May 26th. Came here this morning from Keokuk junction & being detained again for 6 hours I have written letters to Rev. E. Schwartz, Rev. Geo. Sinsabaugh, Dr. Morris & Mr. E. Lelers & Altoona Pa.—

~~Sat. May 27th Came over to Keokuk this morning by & ... but was detained there, ...~~

Came this evening at 3 Oclock & reached Pella, Iowa at 12 Oclock at night.

Sat. May 27th This morning went out early to hunt Mr. E. F. Grafe whom I had met in St. Louis & by whom I had been invited to this place. Found him at his own house, but just about to start for the depot to go some 40 miles down the R. R.— Went to the office of Mr. Whitten another Lutheran recently arri-

ved here – introduced myself & found him a very agreeable man; but he is of opinion that the prospect for establishing a Lutheran Church here is not at all encouraging – which indeed so far as I can judge from the facts gathered here seems to me to be the case. Became acquainted with a Rev. Thompson here – pastor of Dutch Reformed Mission Church – & have enjoyed myself much in his society – Met also bro. S. Ritz whom I formerly knew well in O. but whom I had not seen for many years. Through representations made by him & bro. Whitten, I feel inclined to go on to Ft. Des Moines the capitol of the State, before I return. Bro. Grafe came back this afternoon & I had a consultation with him & bro. Whitten but do not feel much encour

agreement in reference to this place.
Sund: May. 28th This morning addressed the S.S. in the Dutch Reformed Mission Church & at 11 Oclock preached for Mr. Thompson at the same place - Also lectured on Western Africa in the same place in the evening - Most of the Lutherans here were in attendance, but none of them manifest a very great willingness to undertake an organization here. I am sell at this loss of time - as I now do not believe we can accomplish any thing here - & think Mr. Grase is censurable for inducing me to come here.
Monday 29th & At Pella. Wrote to Revs. Sang, Brew & V. Muller, & to S. Gebhart Esq. Also to Rev. Wedekind & my Wife & daughter
Tues. 30th This morning took the Stage in company with Rev.

S. Ritz & Mrs. Whittem for Des. Moines & arrived here about 4 Oclock P. M. Soon found a Lutheran family — Mr. Hill — with whom Bro. Ritz & I lodge. Governor Stone was also a passenger on the Stage today — A pleasant man. I am much pleased with the town, but mourn to see the results of mismanagement & neglect of our Church interests here. May the Lord help me & direct in my work here.

Wed. 31st Spent the day in visiting a few families whose names I had & in hunting for others of our Lutheran people. Found a few, I think there is some prospect of founding a Church here — notwithstanding the bad impression made here years ago by the operations of Rev. R. Weiser. Tonight lodge with a Mr. Geo. W. Jones, with whom bro. Ritz was acquainted many years ago. A very excellent family.

June 1865 — Des Moines, Iowa

Thurs. June 1st Forenoon visited among the people — Afternoon went to the country to see Rev. G. W. Shaffer. Also saw & lodged with Mr. Altman — a Lutheran member.

Frid June 2nd Came in from the country to Des Moines — Wrote to Miami Synod, & to Mr. Breckenridge. Afternoon Spent in making further & more definite inquiry about the Lutheran people here.

Sat. 3rd Have Spent the whole day in exploring the place & calling on the Lutheran that I knew & could hear of. Visited Rev. Fred. Lutz pastor of the German Lutheran Church here — Found him quite an agreeable man, but very ultra on the Lutheran doctrines. He belongs to the German Evan. Lutheran Synod of Iowa — that now em

braces about 45 ministers — & he has here a church of near 100 members. The doctrinal basis & the ecclesiastical rules & usages are so nearly the same as those of the Missouri Synod that the Iowa men do not see any need of being separated but the Missourians exclude them.

I have now found here nearly 40 persons who will become members or supporters of an Eng. Lutheran Church here. I think that in a few weeks If I can return we can organize with some 35 or 40 members.

— Sund. June 4th Morning attended Sunday School at the Old School Pres. Church & addressed the School — also attended preaching there by the pastor Rev. Hughes. — Afternoon attended Services in the grove

north of the city, held by
Rev. S. Ritz agent of the
Seaman's Friend Society. I
also made some remarks.
Evening preached in the Old
S. Res. Church. Now lodge
at Mr. John Hill's.
Mond June 5th Des Moines.
Spent most of the day in
visiting & talking with those
who would be willing to en-
ter a Lutheran Church. Tonight
had a meeting of those persons
at the house of Mr. J. Hill
for consultation. It was pretty
well attended. Those present
being desirous that the effort
be made to found a Church,
I appointed a Committee of
inquiry - composed of bros. Jo-
seph Fling & H. N. Weller & D.
H. Holliday & sisters Mrs. Kate
Rambo & Miss. Samantha Hilbert.
This committee is to further
ascertain the Lutheran mem-

bership here, & in general to inquire into the prospect & to report to a Second Committee of Correspondence composed of Mr. Joseph King & Mr. W. Hipper. May the Lord bless this effort to found a Christian Church! This evening finished a brief report to the Committee

Tues. June 6th This morning rose early - wrote to Susan & am now about to take the Stage for Pella, to go thence to the meeting of the Iowa Synod at Kinnrow Lee Co. Came to Pella by evening & now lodge with bro. Whitten.

Wed. 7th Took the early train for Farmington at which place I leave the R. R. for Kinnrow. Reached Farmington at noon - called on bro. Geo. Shram - took dinner - wrote to Rev. Wernke - Rev. D. W.

Smith & to Dr. J. G. Beck & Benj. H. Suess Sedalia Mo. & saw some brethren having come over from Primrose to take out any who might arrive here on their way to Synod I am about to start thence. Reached Primrose at evening. Lodge with Mr. Baudler, Attended the opening services of Synod & heard my old acquaintance Rev. S. Sprecher preach

Thurs. 8th Attending meeting of Synod - Mostly the routine of organization & appointment of Committees,

Frid. 9th Attending Synod - Had some discussion on the subject of Missions, - I night lectured on West Africa

Sat. 10th Attending Synod all forenoon - Preached Preparatory Sermon afternoon - heard Rev. Oxline preach tonight, Write to Rev. Myers, Rev. Wilhelm, Mr. Keefer

Sund. 11 Heard Rev. Winn preach this forenoon — & Rev. Beckley this afternoon in the country.
Mond 12th Still at Synod — Wrote to Mr. G. P. Ockershausen, & to my wife & children. Evening lectured again at Rimrose.
Tues. 13th Wrote to Revs D. Harbaugh, Wm. Long, & Kietlaw & Mr. Ward of Bryan O. — Attended meeting of Synod till it closed about 1 Oclock. Wrote to E. F. Grafe Esq. Pella Iowa. Evening lectured at Farmington, where I now am at the house of Mr. Geo. Shearman. — During my attendance at Synod I accomplished all that I hoped to with that body. The Synod agreed to continue connected with the Home Missionary Society & has appointed an Advisory Com-

mittee to cooperate with us on their territory.

Wed. 14th This evening came from Farmington to Keokuk on my way to St Louis.

Thurs 15th This morning Started on the Steam Boat Harry Johnston for St Louis. Having been constant=ly occupied for the last two weeks or more & having been most of the time in company I today feel almost lost just all on this boat with none on board that I know. Have tried reading, but ~~[illegible]~~ under the reaction that takes place after such excitement as I have experienced I am weary dull & drowsy. Cannot read with interest or proff-it. At times like this

when the press of duty
is removed for a little
I so feel the loss of my
home — my dear wife &
little ones that I can
hardly maintain my
purpose to keep on lon-
ger in this work. I
would now gladly go
home & at once seek some
quiet country charge &
there settle with my
dear family. But this
with my convictions of
duty I cannot do at
this time. May the
Lord enable me plainly
to see what his will
is concerning me & if it
is not that I shall con-
tinue may some other
work be made clearly
mine; & if it is that I
shall continue may I be
enabled to bear these trials!

Wrote to Rev. G. F. Stelling

Frid June 16th Reached the city of St. Louis this morning at 7 Oclock — Found letters (3) from my wife — from Rev. Baltzley, Simon Gebhart, Rev. Breckenridge — Rev. E. Schwartz — Mr. Beck, Dr. Morris, & Rev. Brewer.

Called today on Mr. Wm. Lemmings the principal man in the South Saint Louis Mission S. School in building of which I had thought that we could at first hold our exercises if we should here attempt to found a Mission Church; but found him so engaged that he could not talk to me. Indeed it seems to me that he is not favorably disposed to aid our proposed Mission. However as he has asked me to call again I will

perhaps do so.

Sat. June 17th

Having no appointment to preach in St Louis tomorrow & not having had an opportunity to make an appointment & at the same time wishing to learn what there might be of Lutheranism along the Iron Mountain R. R. & to see the country in that part of the State I procured a free pass & this morning took the cars at St Louis for this place – Pilot Knob. At noon we stopped near an hour at the town of De Soto & I went about the place looking for some of our people – Soon found a family – that of Wm. Meier a baker – & seemingly a good man. He is a German & informed me that there are, in

& about the town a large number of Lutheran families — foreign Germans but able to speak English — that they have not been cared for by any preacher of the Lutheran Church & that great numbers here & in the regions round have gone into the Methodist Church. But they say that many still remain who would desire to enter a Lutheran Church. I hesitated whether to come further but finally concluded to come on here.

Reached this place about 5 Oclock — put up at the Farmers House by Mr Hancock — took supper & then walked to the top of Pilot Knob & saw the immense pile of Iron ore of which nearly all of the upper part of the hill is composed

The Knob is 600 feet high. The very topmost rocks that lie in great rugged heaps - nude except a slight covering of moss - are Iron ore - though not so rich as the rock deeper down. How deep the ore extends no one knows. The Pilot Knob Iron Co. has been working this mine for 10 years or more & yet they have made only a little niche in the side of the hill near the top.

Visited the little fort on the flat below - where General Ewing made so vigorous a defence against the rebels last Sept.

Having learned that there is a German Lutheran Minister here I went out to find him but failed. Coming back to the Hotel I heard a pistol shot at one of the Beer saloons

& soon after learned that a drunken white man had shot & perhaps fatally wounded an unoffending black man. Military soon out in search of the offender - rush through the town - I retire. to my room - the officer of the day & a few men come to the house to my room & then depart. I feel lonely here.

Sunday 18th

Rose this morning with a heavy heart - Went out & found Rev. C. A. Graeber, a German minister of the Missouri Synod. Found him a pleasant man. He at once invited me to his house. But as he preaches in German I inquired for an English ch. He informed me that there was a Presbyterian Church in Ironton one mile South served by a Rev. Whit-

for a graduate of Penn.
College — I at once supposed
it to be Rev. David A. Wil
son whom I met many
years ago in Africa — Came
right down & found it so.
This was a pleasant meeting.
Heard him preach this fore
noon & preached for him
tonight; & now abide at
his house. Thank God that
we have again met.
Mond 19th Remained here to=
day to talk with my old
friend Wilson & my new friend
Graeber & to see a little more
of the place & its surroundings.
Rode out with bro. Wilson
5 ms. to the Granite Quarry.
Was delighted with the rom-
antic scenery there. Huge
Granite boulders piled to a
giddy height on a hill of
Granite. Returned this evening
& now lodge with bro. Graeber

whom I find to be a moderate & reasonable man - not so dogmatical as the Missourians - not bigoted - not uncharitable

Tues. June 20th Took train at 7.30 for St. Louis & arrived here at about half past 5 - having stopped 1½ hours at Desoto & visit again some of the Lutherans there.

Wed. 21st Have spent the day in attempts to find a place to rent suitable for preaching &c. But have found none except the Soulard St. Market Hall - & it is not seated - nor can I ascertain whether it can certainly be had nor at what rent. Came to the Olive St House - where now I lodge because bro. Shultz has company - very weary

& somewhat discouraged. May the Lord help! Having had no time lately to examine & arrange my papers &c. I have been occupied in this ~~all~~ & in writing till the clock has struck 12.

Thurs. 22. Spent the day in looking about for various localities for halls that might be rented for our use & in learning the prices of lots in the lower & western parts of the town. Wrote home & to Dr. Beck.

Frid 23 Wrote a report to the Committee in the forenoon & afternoon am to start for Indianapolis on my homeward way. May the Lord protect me & allow me to reach my dear ones in safety!

Sat. 24th Reached Indianapolis this morning at day light.

5–4

Went to Bro. Kunkleman's & had a long talk with him about the mission work. At 3 Oclock took train for Germantown Indiana to make some arrangements in that distracted Church for preaching. Visited some of the members; & now ten Oclock — have just come in at Father Albert's house where I lodge.

Sund. June. 25th Forenoon addressed the Sunday School & also preached in the Lutheran Church. Evening preached or rather lectured on Sunday Schools. After morning services kept the people in & after consultation & some advice on my part, arranged conditionally for providing a supply. Am to send them a man soon.

Mond. 26th Came to Dayton

✓ there stopped a while ✗
then came on to Springfield
O. Evening heard Dr. Sprecher's
Baccalaureate address. Recei-
ved several letters.
Tues. 27th Attended examination
but mostly to see various
brethren there among them
some young men now
about to leave the Institution.
Wed. 28th Still at Springfield
Thurs. 29th At Springfield - have
arranged that Bro. Schearer
is to go to Mt. Carmel O. Bro.
J. W. Henderson to Waterloo
City Indiana. Bro. Kunkle
man to Germantown Ind.
& Bro. Wilhelm to Circleville.
Wrote to H. Keefer, Rev. Linsabaugh
Rev. Rittland & also some direc-
tions to bros. Schearer & Hender-
son. Visited the Cemetery in
which our dear little Samuel
is interred this afternoon. - It
is now past mid-night.

Friday June 30th Came from Springfield to Fredericksburg. Found all my family & friends well except our little Lizzie.

Saturday
July 1st 1865.

At Fredericksburg. Wrote to Rev. Wedekind Rev. Geiger & to Messrs Hippee & King at Des. Moines Ia.

Sund. 2nd At Fredericksburg. Preached at night in the Methodist Church.

Mond. 3rd Went to the country to visit my old friend Arnsbaugh was taken with Rheumatism & lumbago & came home quite disabled.

Tues. 4th Have been barely able to walk about the house today. Not able to write ten minutes at a time.

Wed 5th A little better today — Corrected a report to Conv. &

Mailed it – Wrote to Dr. Nor-ris & to Mr. Leitenning.
Thurs. 6th At Fredericksburg. Not able to leave today as I intended for Indiana
Frid. July 7th At Fredericks burg Still suffering much from rheumatism. Wrote to Mr. Ockershausen Mr. D. W. Bruton & Revs. Bixler & Stentz.
Frid. 7th At Fredericksburg – Still unable to do any thing.
Sat. 8th Still unable to leave
Sund 9th No better today – rec-eived medicines – additional ap-plications.
Mond. 10th In bed nearly all day. Much prostrated
Tues. 11th Some better – but not able to do more than write a letter. Finished read ing Philosophy of Salvation. a most excellent work.
Wed 12th Somewhat better – Wrote

to Rev. Kuhns of Omaha City,
Rev. Brown of Allegina - Prof
Stover, Geo W. Leisenring Treas.
Rev. Hettland - Rev. B. M. Schmuck-
er - Afternoon came to Wooster
Thurs. 13th At Wooster looking
for a house - found none. ✓
Frid. 14th Came to Mansfield
to seek for a house to rent
Can find none - Wrote to
Enoch Lewis - My wife - to my
Brother Thomas - Night came
to Mt. Vernon.
Sat. 15th At Mt. Vernon -
Had a conference with bro Shear
er about his remaining here
as pastor - Evening with bro.
Linsabaugh found him not
willing to leave the charge
but being convinced that he
is not capable of filling the
position I was obliged to act
with decision & talk to him
with great plainness.
Sund 16th At Mt. Vernon - Morn-

ing ~~heard~~ br. Shearer preach-
afternoon rode to Mt. Zion & preach
ed. Returned to Mt. Vernon &
preached at night. After servi=
ces here today- I presented the
name of br. Shearer as supply
of the Charge till August & he
was elected.
Mond. 17th Paid bro. Kinsabaugh
$25. for past services at Mt. Ver=
non Mis. Advanced $20. to bro.
Shearer & paid him $6.05 travel
ing expenses- & Now left Mt Ver=
non for Mansfield- Came to
Wooster on account of hearing
that I could there procure a
house- but failed- Wrote to
bro. Kinsabaugh & Sr. Pohlman.
Tues. 18th At Wooster- Still no
house. -
Wed. 19th Wrote to my wife- to
Rev. Wedekind- Bish. C Ehrenfeld-
Came from Wooster to Mansfield
Thurs. 20th Came to Shelby- to
look for a House- being some

time on my way to Water-
loo City Indiana—Reached
Waterloo City at midnight.
Frid. 21st At Waterloo City.
Wrote to Revs Geiger, Weigard,
& E. Miller—Afternoon came
to Butler & preached here at
night.
Sat. 22nd At Butler. Wrote
to Rev. Fenner, Baltzly, Sum-
mers, & Mr. J. M. Snyder.
Attended a meeting for organ-
izing a Lutheran Church here
in Butler—Resolved—the
organization was effected.
Sund 23 Morning—preached
at Butler & aided in ad-
ministering the Lords Supper
Afternoon preached at a
School House in country.
Mond. 24th—Came to Bryan
& spent the afternoon in vis-
iting among the brethren
here.
Tues. 25th At Bryan O. Wrote

to my wife & to Mrs. Rogers.
Wed. 26th Abt Waterloo City—
Wrote to Mrs. Geo. Schramm—
to Dr. Morris & Dr. Conrad.
Thurs. 27th Waterloo City—
Wrote to Rev. Surzynnes & to my
wife & each of the children—
Afternoon went to Kendallville—
Frid. 28th Abt Kendallville, Ind.
visiting among the Luther-
an Members here with a
view to ascertain the prospect
of founding here a Lutheran
Church.
Sat. 29th Abt Kendallville till
noon. Do not think it ad-
visable to undertake a Mis-
sion here just now—not
enough members—no other
point near to connect with
it. Wrote to Rev. Sonderling
& thence came to Waterloo City
Sund. 30th Abt Waterloo City—
Addressed the Sunday School
in the morning—Reached

forenoon & also at night

Monday. July 31st Started for home via. Shelby, Mansfield, & Wooster intending to stop at each place & procure if possible a house for my family. Reached Shelby at noon & remained till evening, but got no house. Came on to Mansfield.

Tues.

August 1st 1865

Forenoon at Mansfield — no house — Came to Wooster.

Wed. Aug. 2nd At Wooster [illegible] & Ked=

Thurs. Aug. 3rd At Wooster — Lectured for bro. Baltz. No house yet — Am so perplexed & worried about this matter as to be almost ready to abandon the work altogether. It seems impossible when I think of it that I can rent no house in either of the towns — Canton — Wooster

Mansfield. But none can be found for rent — & those offered for sale are really not fit for occupancy or else are held at such enormous prices that I cannot purchase. Never in all my life have I been so perplexed & annoyed as now. It seems in view of the difficulties of the work, of the ~~im~~possibility of getting a house for my family & of the want of interest taken in this work by a large part of the Church ~~that~~ I would be justified & giving up the work & going to the West to settle at some one point. And yet I fear to do this & so linger on in this uncertain way. May God help me! This afternoon came to Mansfield — my wife being along — as I had a letter from Bro.

Sermon stating that there was here a suitable house that I could purchase.

Frid. Aug. 4th Still at Mansfield - the house refered to cannot be had as the tenant will not vacate it. Have seen numerous others - all either miserable houses, or else so high in price that I cannot purchase.

Sat. 5th At Mansfield - No house yet - Preached preparatory Sermon for Co. Sermon - This evening my wife went to Shelby to see a house heard of there. Reached again tonight.

Sunday 6th Mansfield Morning addressed the S. S - fore noon preached & aided in administering the Sacrament. Evening preached again.

Monday 7th Made additional efforts to procure a house

but got none on account of not being able to induce the present occupant to leave. Went up to Shelby to look further there — Came down with my wife again to Mansfield — & having seen her on the eastward train for home I remain to look further & to wait on some others who are making efforts to vacate homes — Took two mechanics this evening to look at a house offered for sale, but which is much dilapidated — They think the house too high — think it will cost a large amount to repair it & will take much time. I retire sad & disheartened — & not a little provoked that these seemingly small things should cause me so much loss of

time & so much trouble
Tues. 8th At Mansfield
Wed 9th At Mansfield part
of the day — Went to Shelby
to look for a house again
as one had been conditionally
promised.
Thurs. 10th This morning pur
chased a small & much
dilapidated house ~~from~~ on
East Diamond St Mansfield
O. from Mr. Burns Esq —
Executor of the will of
Mrs.   Am to pay
$800. I have done this
with the greatest reluct
ance as the house is much
out of order & as the prop
erty is high at the price.
I have been compelled to
make this purchase in order
to get a house at all for
my family to go into.
Thus I am again subjected
to a loss in means owing

to the nature of my work.
I recently, in view of the
uncomfortable situation of
my family & the difficul-
ty of procuring a place of
residence on the promin-
ent R. Roads, requested the
Com. to release me from
my work, but as they
could not feel willing to
do so, I have made this
purchase. I have in this
the consolation that I have
acted with reference to
the interests of the work
in which I am engaged.
Wrote from Mansfield to
to Sutherin, Olevia. to
Lyday — to Martin Buehler
& to Rev. Baltzly.
Frid. 11th Came to Canton — Pack
ed our goods & shipped them
for Mansfield.
Sat 12 Came from Canton to
Orrville — here waiting for the

train for Fredericksburg. I wrote out a revision of the Constitution of the Home Missionary Society. Also wrote to Rev. E. W. Hutter. Came to Fredericksburg. Packing goods to ship to Mansfield.

Sund. 13th At Fredericksburg — Preached at night.

Mond 14th Finished packing our effects & shipped them to Mansfield. Evening started for Mansfield.

Tues. 15th At Mansfield O. Wrote to my brother — Brought part of my goods from the Depot. Wrote Monthly Report & Bill in account for the quarter ending July 31st 65.

Wed. 16th At Mansfield — Attending to some repairs at home & fixing up — Evening wrote to J. H. Lyday & Wm. Coppinger.

Thur. 17th At Mansfield.

Frid. 18th Still waiting on
my household goods which
arrived here this even-
ing. We sleep tonight in
our own house.
Sat 19th This afternoon
came up to Shelby to at-
tend the meeting of
the Wittenberg Synod.
Sund 20th At Shelby - preach-
ed before Synod the Ordi-
nation discourse.
Mond 21st At Synod -
Tues. 22 Still at Synod.
Wed 23 Synod adjourned
last night at 1 o'clock.
~~Thurs.~~ 24th Came home to Mans-
field.
~~Thurs.~~ Frid. 25th At home - Wrote
to Revs. A. M. Geiger, J. F.
Shearer, & H. Ziegler & to Mr
J. King of Des Moines City
Iowa.
Sat 26th At home.
Sund 27th At home - Preached

in the evening for bro. Fenner.
Mond. Aug. 28th At home
Tues 29th At home - wrote to Rev. Dr. Sternberg & to Mr. H. Keefer.
Wed. 30th At home - repairing house - till Sat.
Sat. Sept 2nd 1865
At Mansfield - Wrote to Revs. Titus, Rightmyer, Delo, Rutherauff, & Nixdorff & to Mr. A. La Smith of Williamsburg Pa. & also one to Rev. J. M. Lang & to Rev. J. M. Rice. ~~Received~~
Sund. Sept. 3rd, at Mansfield - having been prevented from going to Mt. Vernon O. by the detention of the train last night. Preached this evening at Mansfield for bro. Fenner.
Mond. Sept 4th till Frid. 8th

at home - hard at work as I cannot get men to do the work for me & cannot live in the house till it is repaired. Oh how weary of this sort of life - cannot avoid regrets at times that I consented to continue longer than the present year in this work. May the Lord the Great Head of the Church sustain me in it if it is his will that I continue, & if not direct me in what I should do!

Sat Sept. 9th Came to Bryan where I met Bro. Lang according to arrangement. Visited some people near Bryan & then drove to West Jefferson 7 ms. Lodge with Bro. Kepler.

Sept. 1865

Sund. 10th Morning addressed the S.S. at W. Jefferson — & preached same place in the forenoon: & Afternoon came to Bryan & preached at 3½ Oclock.

Mond. 11th Visited some persons in town & some 3 ms in the country & 1 Oclock took train for home. The interests here at Bryan do not develop. There seems but little desire among the few members here for an organization & the Churches at W. Jefferson & at Nichols are in a miserable State divided — indifferent almost dead. I return home without seeing able to do or even to determine any thing about that place. I am sad.

Sept. 1865

Tues. 12th to ~~Wed.~~ 14th at home working hard.
Thurs. 14th evening took the train for Pittsburg & the east.
Frid 15th stopped at Altoona to have my Pass on the Penn. R. Road renewed - Wrote at Altoona to Rev. Henderson & Mr. J. H. Reed. Evening at 8 oclock took cars for Harrisburg.
Sat 16 At Harrisburg in the morning wrote to Rev. Wilhelm & then came over to Carlisle to attend the meeting of the West Pa. Synod. At night Spoke briefly before Synod on Home Missions.
Sunday 17th attended services in Lutheran Church took some part in them. After ~~noon~~ addressed the Sund. School about 500 children

Mond. 18th Attending Synod. ~~Transacted~~ Busy all day & attended Synod till the adjournment in the forenoon. Afternoon went with some brethren to the country to solicit contributions to the endowment of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

~~Tues. 20th~~ At Carlisle. Wrote to Rev. A. M. Geiger, to Rev. H. Wells & to the Synod of Northern Indiana. Also to my wife. Evening lectured on the physical condition of Western Africa in the Lutheran Church.

Thurs. 21st Came to Baltimore to consult with the Ex. Com. Spent most of the afternoon & evening in conference with bros. Morris & Bishop. Visit Dr. Kurtz who is now declining & expects soon to depart. Found him

calmly resting in the assurance of Christian faith. He is an experienced as he is an aged & has long been a most active Christian. He has been useful to the church in a very large degree — has on a few occasions years ago afforded me some very [illegible] [illegible] & I [illegible] [illegible] to him for what has done for me individually & for the Church.

Frid. Sept 22. At Baltimore Wrote a copy of revised Constitution for the Conv. & also wrote out a few items of business for the Conv & a brief business letter to the Treasurer — who is now absent from the City.

Sat. 23rd Came from Baltimore to Gettysburg — having been detained at Hanover —

Sund. 24th Forenoon preached in Christs Church — & at the

close presented the Home Mission Cause - Afternoon addressed the two Sunday Schools of the Lutheran Churches in town. Evening preached in the St. James Lutheran Church.
Mond Sept. 25th Visiting the members of ~~St~~ Christ's Church & Soliciting contributions - Obtained in all upwards of $100. Wrote to Dr. Beck
Tues. Sept. 26th Came from Gettysburg to Lancaster, Stopping a while at Harrisburg to make arrangements to operate there at some future time in behalf of Home Missions.
Wed. 27th Came from Lancaster to Easton to attend the meeting of the East Pa. Synod. Stopped at Philadelphia to effect arrangements to collect Mission funds at a future time

Sept 28th At Easton Pa.
Wrote to my wife & to
Rev. Hunkleman. Brought
the Subject of Home Miss-
ions in the West before the
Synod, which brought on
a lengthy but friendly
discussion - I participated
somewhat. Evening made
an address to the Synod
& congregation on the Miss-
ion Subject.
Sept. 29th Left Easton today
at 3 Oclock - after attend-
ing the meeting of Synod
till Mission business was
finished - & after writing
a letter to Dr. Morris &
to Geo. M. Leisenring Treas.
Coming here to Bethle-
hem I am detained 2
hours. waiting for the Phil-
adelphia train. In review
of my conduct during my
stay at Synod, I feel deeply

pained & humiliated on account of my unguarded expressions in debate & my crude address on last evening. In view of my imperfections & the weighty interests of the work that I am engaged in I feel that it would be a relief — a great relief — if I could retire from this position & take ~~one~~ a charge in some quiet place.

Sund. October 1st 1865 —
Having reached this place — Wooster O. — at which the East Ohio Synod is in session, I preached this morning in the Episcopalian Church — the first time that I ever occupied an Episcopal pulpit. The pastor Rev. Mr. Elroy is an excellent man. Evening heard bro. Helling preach a discourse of great power & beauty —

Thursd. Oct. 2 Attending Synod at Wooster — the day being mostly devoted to Mission business — All that I had to request of the Synod was cheerfully done — Evening heard Dr. Sprecher preach one of the finest discourses I have ever heard — the best ordination Sermon I have ever heard —